

Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Steering Committee Meeting March 20, 2003

Attendees

Jane Anthony, George Barker, Roger Biraben, Phill Bradbury, Jessica Burmester, Lynn DeLacy, Joan Durman, Mark Diorio, Tom Geib, Mike Gilmore, Amanda Goza, Wendy Gradison, Alfred Head, Randy Ihara, Sharon Jones, Leslie Katz, Henriette Kellum, Cindy Kemp, Bob Lassiter, John Morrow, Russell Payne, Lou Rosato, Karen Shoemaker, Jim Thur, and Leslie Weisman

The Notes of February 20, 2003 were accepted.

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIPS

A review of the Steering Committee, Mental Health and Structural Work Groups membership lists was requested, stressing the goal of broad consumer representation, and noting if there are recommendations for additions, to please notify Melissa Osborne. Lynn DeLacy indicated that she is communicating with Laurie Mitchell as to possible representation on the Steering Committee.

UPDATES FROM WORK GROUPS

Mental Health:

- ? Leslie Weisman reviewed the minutes of the March 11 Mental Health Work Group meeting, indicating 1) further discussions are taking place with the DAD Coordinating Committee on private bed purchase in the context of diversion, and 2) in the upcoming meeting with private hospitals, the need to communicate the successful inpatient treatment within NVMHI.
- ? In this regard, Amanda Goza provided a summary of the NVMHI document on patient profiles and the four levels of inpatient care.
- ? Next meeting is scheduled for April 1.

Structural:

- ? Bob Lassiter distributed notes from the March 14 meeting, giving an overview of current activities.
- ? It was also noted that a meeting has been scheduled on March 26 with private hospitals.

GUIDANCES FOR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLANNING PROCESS AND REINVESTMENT PLANS

Final Partnership Planning Guidance Document. John Morrow provided a summary noting 1) the seven Regional Partnerships are listed, 2) a survey category has been added to the section on approaches that could be used for obtaining input, and 3) regulatory and financing are now included in the State-level recommendations to be made. It was also pointed out that due to the Reinvestment Initiatives consuming so much time in many of the Regions, this Partnership process has been given an 18-month period to formulate final recommendations, due August 2, 2004.

Reinvestment Plan. As this process will not impact the Northern Virginia Region until 2005, there is no current need to focus on this document.

DRAFT OUTLINE FOR INITIAL PLAN

- ? Feedback was requested on the dates, assignments and content of the draft. It was suggested that if each CSB were to make available to the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB their data now being provided on CSB Waiting List--State Comprehensive Plan, this information would be extremely useful for the Report.
- ? It was recommended that John Morrow check as to whether this information could be provided directly by the State after each CSB has entered the data. Concern was also raised as to individuals not included on the ready to discharge list, and as a result, not provided as part of this data submission. It was determined clarification was needed from Charlene Davidson as to whether this aspect could be changed.
- ? Next Steps:
 - DAD and Mental Health Work Group already addressing next steps in their process and will continue with the assistance of Steering Committee guidance.
 - Issue as to whether areas other than just mental health – i.e., mental retardation, youth/adolescent services -- should be focused upon was discussed, and concern raised that such activities could dilute the current efforts as well as overwhelm the individuals involved. It was determined that a decision will need to be made at next month's meeting as to what course to take.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR RELOCATION/CONVERSION OF PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL BEDS

George Barker, Associate Director, Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, provided a comprehensive, concise report on the background and current status of hospitals in Northern Virginia, related expansion applications, factors involved in the decision making process of these applications, as well as steps that can be taken for appeal. Jim Thur extended the Committee's deep appreciation for such a thorough update.

COMMUNITY FORUMS AND CONSUMER FOCUS GROUPS

Attention was directed to schedule of Forums and Focus Groups included in the handouts. In addition, it was noted that two Community Forums have been held thus far, one in Fairfax, the other in Arlington. At the Arlington Forum, Betsy Greer requested the information she presented also be distributed to the Steering Committee. Some of the issues discussed thus far have included vocational support, continuity of service, and the solid quality of public service. Once the forums are complete, the results will be tabulated and shared.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A schedule of meetings for the Steering Committee as well as work groups was provided. It was noted that the MR/MI April 4 meeting should be added, which will be held 9:30-12:00 p.m. in Room 7 of the Fairfax County Government Center.